

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS**

**Call to Order:** Chair Kelly Flynn, on March 28, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 152 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Rep. Kelly Flynn, Chair (R)  
Rep. Zach Brown (D)  
Rep. Casey Knudsen (R)  
Rep. Denley M. Loge (R)  
Rep. Jean Price (D)  
Rep. Matt Regier (R)  
Rep. Adam Rosendale (R)  
Rep. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)  
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)  
Rep. Tom Welch (R)  
Rep. Kerry White (R)

##### **Members Excused:**

Rep. Bob Brown, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Bridget Smith, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Virginia Court (D)  
Rep. Tom Jacobson (D)  
Rep. George G. Kipp III (D)  
Rep. Ray L. Shaw (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Jessica Riffel, Committee Secretary  
Hope Stockwell, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 171, 3/23/2017; SB 173, 3/23/2017; SB 187, 3/23/2017

00:01:06 Rep. Shaw and Rep. B. Brown joined the meeting

**HEARING ON SB 171**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:28 Sen. Cary Smith (R), SD 27, opened the hearing on SB 171, Prohibit restriction of certain deer permits.

00:02:04 Rep. B. Smith joined the meeting

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:03:53 Joe Balyeat, Self

[EXHIBIT\(fih64a01\)](#)

00:04:56 Rep. Kipp III joined the meeting

00:09:02 Rep. Court joined the meeting

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:16:34 Quentin Kujala, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

[EXHIBIT\(fih64a02\)](#)

00:24:33 Ben Lamb, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

00:26:29 Rep. Jacobson joined the meeting

00:29:22 Jerry Davis, Montana Bowhunters Association (MTBA)

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:30:31 Rep. B. Brown

00:30:49 Joe Balyeat, Self

00:33:56 Rep. B. Brown

00:35:47 Quentin Kujala, FWP

00:37:03 Rep. Loge

00:37:21 Quentin Kujala, FWP

00:37:58 Chair Flynn

00:43:09 Quentin Kujala, FWP

00:45:11 Rep. Loge

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:45:40 Sen. C. Smith

**HEARING ON SB 187**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:48:20 Sen. Jill Cohenour (D), SD 42, opened the hearing on SB 187, Prohibit importing certain animal body parts from chronic wasting disease states.

[EXHIBIT\(fih64a03\)](#)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:55:36 Joe Cohenour, Self

[EXHIBIT\(fih64a04\)](#)

01:02:53 Tim Feldner, Self

01:07:24 Ben Lamb, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

01:08:18 Quentin Kujala, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

[EXHIBIT\(fih64a05\)](#)

01:08:46 Amy Seaman, Montana Audubon

01:09:20 Jerry Davis, Montana Bowhunters Association (MTBA)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

01:09:53 Paul Fielder, Self

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:15:46 Rep. Vinton

01:17:14 Quentin Kujala, FWP

01:17:40 Rep. B. Brown

01:18:22 Jerry Davis, MTBA

01:18:48 Quentin Kujala, FWP

01:19:34 Chair Flynn

01:20:16 Sen. Cohenour

01:21:09 Chair Flynn

01:21:53 Quentin Kujala, FWP

01:22:39 Chair Flynn

01:23:06 Sen. Cohenour

01:24:44 Chair Flynn

01:25:12 Quentin Kujala, FWP

01:25:54 Rep. White

01:26:20 Sen. Cohenour

01:28:22 Rep. White

01:28:47 Quentin Kujala, FWP

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:29:49 Sen. Cohenour

**HEARING ON SB 173**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:31:27 Sen. Jill Cohenour (D), SD 42, opened the hearing on SB 173, Prohibit use or sale of certain urine as cover scent.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:38:55 Joe Cohenour, Self

[EXHIBIT\(fih64a06\)](#)

01:43:16      Quentin Kujala, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

[EXHIBIT](#)(fih64a07)

01:43:39      Ben Lamb, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

01:43:59      Jerry Davis, Montana Bowhunters Association (MTBA)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:44:38      Rep. Loge

01:45:09      Sen. Cohenour

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:46:15      Sen. Cohenour

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 01:47:55

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Jessica Riffel, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([fih64aad.pdf](#))